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The following is Applicant's response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002. In the Office Action, the Examiner requests election of a single disclosed species of biologically active agents. In this response, Applicant has addressed the Examiner's requests.

REMARKS

The present invention relates to the preparation of polyol/thickened oil suspensions containing a biologically active agent, for the sustained delivery of the biologically active agent. The described biologically active agent/glycerol/oil suspensions show sustained release of a protein, e.g., GCSF, of up to at least one week.

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